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REMARKS

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1. At 1:30 a.m. on 27 February 1952, a shipment of 8 flatcars and 6 boxcars with soldiers, equipment and trucks, which had arrived with the regular freight train, was unloaded at the Zehdenick (N 54/U 70) freight yard. [] 25X1

[] Additional cars unloaded some time later, included: 8 flatcars and 6 boxcars with soldiers, equipment and trucks [] 25X1
and 14 more cars carrying vehicles [] 25X1
[] At 11 p.m. on 29 February, 10 boxcars and 10 flatcars with equipment and 10 T-34 tanks, [] were unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station and drove to the camp. Bus [] occupied by 30 officers came from the direction of Oranienburg and drove into Camp Hammelspring on 1 March. A column of about 30 trucks, [] coming from the direction of Liebenwalde, entered Camp Hammelspring on 3 March. Eleven trucks towed AT guns. [] 25X1

2. Loading observed at the Rathenow-Nord (N 53/Z 15) railroad station involved: 21 boxcars and 41 flatcars, [] 25X1
[] with about 500 troops, 24 trucks, 2 sedans, 1 ambulance, 14 caterpillar tractors, 10 model 38 152-mm field howitzers and 4 model 42 76.2-mm field guns, bound for Altengrabow, on 9 March; 13 boxcars and 23 flatcars, [] with about 150 troops, 15 trucks, 9 trailers, 4 sedans and 4 busses dispatched [] to Buttstaedt on 10 March. [] (2) 25X1

3. At about noon on 10 March, a column passed through Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) which consisted of: 6 trucks towing 76.2-mm AA guns, [] trucks [] with field kitchens; 3 trucks, [] with trailers carrying ammunition, radio truck [], 2 jeeps and 10 trucks, [] 25X1
[] each occupied by 25 soldiers. The column drove toward Neuruppin. (3)

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4. On 12 March, a troop train of 20 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 30 flatcars carrying 15 to 20 artillery pieces of 122-mm, about 20 caterpillar tractors and 25 to 30 trucks went from Brandenburg toward Potsdam. [REDACTED]

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5. On 12 March, a troop train of 12 boxcars with soldiers and 40 flatcars with 12 rocket launchers, 6 to 8 artillery pieces and motor vehicles was observed at the Wustermarsh marshaling yard. According to a railroadman, the train was bound for Doeberitz. Another troop train from Kummersdorf was dispatched to Neubukow via Priort on 12 March. (5) Additional troop trains from the direction of Wildpark proceeded to Meyenburg. (6)

6. The loading of an AAA unit was observed in Potsdam on 13 March. The unit included soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and signal insignia, 6 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 searchlight, 1 armored scout car and trucks [REDACTED]

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7. At 7:30 a.m. on 13 March, a troop train of 14 boxcars and 16 flatcars was loaded at the Potsdam railroad station with about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia, 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 searchlight, 1 field kitchen, vehicles and billeting equipment. [REDACTED]

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A troop train of 16 boxcars and 15 flatcars was loaded at the Wildpark railroad station with 200 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 searchlight, 1 field kitchen, 15 to 18 trucks and billeting equipment. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) [REDACTED] the units unloaded on 27 and 29 February 1952 belong to the 25th Tank Div and the 6th Gds Mecz Div. Field exercises of units from Oranienburg in the Loewenberg-Bergsdorf area between 23 and 27 February 1952 had been reported by [REDACTED] who also observed troop trains possibly carrying units from Oranienburg and Prenzlau, passing through Zehdenick toward Templin on 29 February 1952. See [REDACTED] It was believed that, following the field exercises mentioned in the reference report, the units had moved to the Templin troop training grounds for a short training period. The [REDACTED] AT gun column observed at Camp Hammel-

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spring on 3 March 1952 indicate that the unit belonged to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

- (2) The troop trains probably carrying components of the 6th Arty Div to Altengrabow on 9 March 1952 were previously reported. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] A headquarters unit of the IV Arty Corps was probably loaded on the troop train observed on 10 March 1952 leaving for the command-post exercise in the Naumburg area.

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- (3) [redacted] the column belonged to the 31st AAA Div. Components of this division had participated in a field exercise in the Lychen-Rutenberg area in late February and early March 1952. [redacted] The field exercise was possibly not terminated on 10 March 1952.

- (4) [redacted] the column probably was one of the units belonging to the unidentified artillery division from Potsdam which was returning to their home post. The units had left by rail for Altengrabow in early March 1952. [redacted] 25X1

- (5) Another source reported the loading of components belonging to the unidentified AAA division of the Third Gds Mecz Army stationed in the Kunnersdorf-Wuensdorf area from 9 to 13 March 1952. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] It is believed that the troop train mentioned in paragraph 5 of the present report went to Wustrow.

- (6) [redacted] components of the 2d Gds AAA Div were entrained which, like components of the unidentified AAA division of the Third Gds Mecz Army, probably moved to the Wustrow AAA range. Therefore, the training activity at Wustrow is believed to have begun in mid-March 1952.

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